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Alpha and Omega, Revelation 1:1-8

1:7-8, Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen. <u>I am Alpha and Omega</u>, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Alpha (A) and Omega (Ω) are the first two letters of the Greek alphabet. The name Alpha and Omega encompasses all the other names of God. This name is the first and last word on all of who God is.

Genesis 1:1 says, *In the beginning God*... There is no explanation of where God came from because He came from nowhere.

He is called the *beginning and the ending* because He is the eternal cause of all things, and He is the final destination at which things arrive.

Colossians 1:15-17, Alpha ascribes to God the idea that He supersedes, and sustains all creation. Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

Alpha, the first, also speaks of His right to be preeminent, chief, and the ruler over all heaven and earth.

Colossians 1:18-19, And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

Omega, the last, challenges our imagination of finality, completion and conclusion. Rev. 22:13, I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

He is all there is. Everything in existence was created finally for Him. every man will exalt Him and declare His Lordship eventually.

Philippians 2:9-11, Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.